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1. FIRST DAY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS OPENED WITH PROPOSAL BY U.S. THAT AGENDA BE CHANGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. POSITION PAPER. THIS WAS SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL LDC'S. SOVIETS (ISRAEL) OPPOSED CHANGES, STATING NEED TO RESTRICT MEETING TO CONSIDERATION OF POLLUTION MONITORING. AFTER STRONG DISAGREEMENT BY IRAN (FARVER), MEETING ADJOURNED BRIEFLY FOR CONSULTATION. CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED SO AN "INFORMAL" VOTE WAS TAKEN ON ADDITION OF NEW AGENDA ITEM 7 "OTHER ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING" (26 U.S. - 11 USSR).

2. FROSCHE THEN PRESENTED UNEP VIEWS, EMPHASIZING THAT
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COORDINATION OF A MONITORING PROGRAM IS ESSENTIAL,

EXPLAINING THAT HE SAW THE NEED FOR SUBSEQUENT INFORMAL EXPERTS MEETINGS COMPOSED OF INDIVIDUALS FOR GOVERNMENTS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHO WOULD WORK OUT PROGRAM DETAILS OVER TIME. THERE HAS BEEN SPECIALIZED AGENCY CONCERN EXPRESSED INFORMALLY THAT UNEP MAY BE CONTEMPLATING AN OPERATIONAL ROLE, WHICH FROSCHE DENIED IN HIS SPEECH.

3. SECOND DAY OPENED WITH CONSIDERATION AGENDA ITEM 4 ON "DEFINITION OF OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES." US DELO PROPOSED ADOPTION OF PROGRAM GOALS FOR MONITORING AS CONTAINED IN U.S. POSITION, STRESSING THAT ALL ACTIVITIES COULD NOT BEGIN AT ONCE BUT THAT GOALS SHOULD BE STATED AS BASIS FOR FUTURE ACTIVITIES. SOVIETS DISAGREED THAT BROAD PROGRAM SHOULD BE DEVELOPED SINCE MOST ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENT BEING MONITORED ADEQUATELY NOW. HOWEVER, THEY AGREED THAT SOME BASELINE STATIONS SHOULD BE ADDED. IN ADDITION, COMMENTING THAT CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL BIOSPHERE EMPHASIS IS NEEDED, SOVIETS THEN SUGGESTED THIS BE PERFORMED UNDER MAB.

4. AFTER CONSIDERABLE GENERAL DEBATE, MUCH OF IT FROM LDC'S IN SUPPORT OF U.S. PROPOSAL, CHAIRMAN DESIGNATED WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP PORTION OF REPORT DEALING WITH OBJECTIVES AND PRINCIPLES. GROUP COMPOSED OF CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, INDIA, USSR, UK, US AND FAO REPRESENTATIVE. OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ALSO ESTABLISHED TO IDENTIFY PRIORITY POLLUTANTS AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS WHICH SHOULD BE MONITORED.
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